में से 29 पत्रों को छोड़ कर अन्य सभी पत्र पर स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर के साथ परामर्श करके जांच करने के पश्चात् उचित रूप से कारंवाई की गई है।

*66. *[Transferred to 9th December,* 1993].

Making banks Tramsparent

*67. SHRI TRILOKl NATH CHAT URVEDI-DR. MURLI MANOHAR JO SHI;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the news item published in the *'Economic Times'* of 26th August, 1093 under tha caption "Trade Unions seek names of 20 loans defaulters from each bank" and if so, what is the reaction of government to the demand for disclosing the names of the top 20 defaulters of bank loans in each bank;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the All India Bank Officers' Confederation has made similar demands as published in the Economic Themes of 2nd September, 19(93 and if so, what is the amount of loan advanced by the nationalised banks which is sticky; and

(e) what steps are being taken to make the business of the banks more transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, as per information available from Reserve Bank of India. the amcune overdues of public sector banks as at the end of September, 1992 was Rs. 21022 crores (latest available).

(c) Commercial banks are in the process or undergoing a Lime bound structural transformation. The reform programme is primarily designed to make the financial sector more viable efficient and responsive. Banks are being encouraged to act as autonomous business unit, responsible for their performance. The structural reforms in the financial sector focus on easing constraint prescribing appropriate prudential norms relating to provisioning against loan losses and capital adequacy, introducing transparency in the accounting and reporting procedure?, restructuring and recapitalising banks. In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and us-nages customary amongst bankers, the barks do not divulge informat'ois relating to or to the affairs of their constituents except in circumstances in which it is, in accordance with the low or practice and usage customary aTiong bankers, necessary or appropriate for the banks to divulge such information.

Asian Development Bank's Assistance to Indian Stock Exchanges

*68. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide around 20 million dollars to Indian Stock Exchanges to computerise thei$_r$ settlement process parti-cu-drly to provide interface between stock exchange computers and brokers' offices.

(b) if so, what is the cost likely to be involved in this; and

(c) the assistance likely to be made available for the purpose by the IMT' and the terms and conditions under which such a loan is likely to be made available to the SEBI?

THE SINISTER, OF SPATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIN ISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) adn (b) The Gov- ernment of India is in the process of reaching an agreement with the ADB for a loan to suppori the Capital Market Development Pro gramme. In this context the Govern ment of India is formulating strategies for automated trading in debt and equity securities and automated settlement of trades on exchanges.

(c) There id no proposal to make a loan available for SEBI from the IMF.

Telephones in Village Panchayats

*69. SHRI S. MADHAVAN. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide telephones to all village panchayats:

(b) if so, the number of village panchayats provided with telephones as on the 30th September 1993;

(c) the number of village panchayats yet to be provided with telephones.

(d) what steps Government propose to take *to* provide telephones to the remaining village panchayats:

(e) the number of electromechanical exchanges which are worn out or the life of which has expired, and are still to be replaced by electronic exchanges as on the 30th September, 1993; and

(i) what are the steps taken to replace the worn-out exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on 30th September, 1993, out of a total of 2,32,347 Pan- chayat, villages, the number of such villages with telephone 'facility is 1,C4,135 and with out telephone facility it is 1,28,212.

(d) Government have planned to yiovide telephone facility to the remaining panchayat villages by 31st March, 1995 progressively subect to availability of resources

(e) (i) As a first step Government have planned to replace all electro mechanical exchanges of the Type MAX III and MAX II (LF) irrespec tive of their life ias a part of moder nisation plan of Eighth Plan objective.

(ii) The other electro mechanical exchanges of- the type MAX II (US) and MAX I are also being replaced on expiry of their prescribed JUfe. The details of such exchanges as on 30.9.1993 is being worked out and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(f) About 4 lakh lines of electro mechanical exchanges are likely to be replaced during the current finan cial year.

Waiting List of Telephones in the Country

*70. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of. COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of pending telephone applications State-wise till date;

(b) what i_s the break-up of the same in metropolitan cities; and

(c) what $step_s$ Government pro pose to take to provide telephone con nections early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA TIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM), (a) The details are given in Statement I (See below).